

Kingdom of God

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Kingdom/ Ruling

- This ideology is deeply rooted in Second Temple Judaism
- Israel's King = same King who reigns over heavenly Kingdom
- That King will encompass the whole Earth

Context from the New Testament

- The 'good news': the Kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:15)
- Those who are blessed will enter the Kingdom of God (Matthew 5:3)
- You must be born of water and the spirit to inherit the Kingdom (John 3:5)

References in the NT Contd.

- Through many tribulations we must enter the Kingdom of God (Acts 14:22)
- Paul “welcomed all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ” (Acts 28:30–31)
- Elsewhere in the New Testament references to the kingdom of God are relatively rare

Conclusion

- There are requirements to enter the Kingdom
- Not an accomplishment rather through Jesus we are able to enter
- This is an eternal place, not an earthly concept

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